

Amendments to the Claims


This following listing of the claims replaces all previous listings, and amendments, of claims.

1.-9. (Canceled)

10. (New) A seat belt cover comprising:

a flat tubular lower portion defining a lower slit-shaped opening that extends in a first direction and that has a first width;

a flat tubular upper portion disposed apart from the flat tubular lower portion along a second direction that is about perpendicular to the first direction, the flat tubular upper portion defining an upper slit-shaped opening that extends in the first direction and that has a second width that is less than the first width; and

 a flat tubular notched portion disposed between the flat tubular lower portion and the flat tubular upper portion, the flat tubular notched portion defining a lower notched slit-shaped opening that is disposed adjacent the flat tubular lower portion and that has a third width and an upper notched slit-shaped opening that is disposed adjacent the flat tubular upper portion and that has a fourth width that is less than the third width.

11. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 10, wherein the first width of the lower slit-shaped opening is greater than a width of a through-tongue of a seat belt and the second width of the upper slit-shaped opening is less than a width of the through-tongue.

12. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 10, wherein the flat tubular notched portion comprises a tapered portion.

13. (New) The seat belt member according to claim 10, wherein at least one of the flat tubular lower portion, the flat tubular upper portion, and the notched portion

comprises an outside belt like member and an inside belt like member having first and second submembers, each of the first and second submembers joined with the outside belt like member and adapted to be releasably attached with one another.

14. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 13, wherein the inside belt member comprises a cushioning material.

15. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 10, further comprising:
a pocket disposed on an outside surface of the lower portion.

16. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 10, further comprising:
a pocket adapted to hold a cellular phone, the pocket disposed on an outside surface of the lower portion.

17. (New) A seat belt cover comprising:
an outside beltlike member having a top end and a bottom end disposed away from the top end along a longitudinal axis;
a left beltlike submember;
a right beltlike submember adapted to form a partially closed volume with the outside beltlike member and the left beltlike submember, the right beltlike submember connected with the outside beltlike member adjacent the bottom end a first distance from the longitudinal axis and adjacent the top end a second distance from the longitudinal axis, the first distance being greater than the second distance.

18. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 17, further comprising:
a first cooperating fastener disposed on the left beltlike submember; and
a second cooperating fastener disposed on the right beltlike submember, the second cooperating fastener adapted to fasten with the left beltlike submember to form the partially closed volume.

19. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 18, wherein the first and second cooperating fasteners comprises sets of interlocking teeth.

20. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 19, wherein the left beltlike submember is connected with the outside beltlike member adjacent the bottom end the first distance from the longitudinal axis and adjacent the top end the second distance from the longitudinal axis.

21. (New) A seat belt cover comprising:

an outside beltlike member having outside top, bottom, connected, and fastening ends, the outside top end disposed away from the outside bottom end, and the outside connected and fastening ends extending between the outside top and bottom ends and disposed away from one another; and

an inside beltlike member having inside top, bottom, connected, and fastening ends, the inside top end disposed away from the inside bottom end, the inside connected and fastening ends extending between the inside top and bottom ends and disposed away from one another, the inside connected end connected with the outside connected end, and the inside fastening end adapted to removably fasten with the outside fastening end to form a partially closed volume,

wherein a distance between the inside connected and fastening ends adjacent the inside top end is less than a distance between the inside connected and fastening ends adjacent the inside bottom end.

22. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 21, wherein the outside beltlike member is integral with the inside beltlike member.

23. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 21, wherein the outside beltlike member is separate from the inside beltlike member.

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24. (New) The seat belt cover according to claim 21, wherein the inside and outside fastening ends include interlocking teeth adapted to removable fasten with one another to form the partially closed volume.
